Incentives to Farmers

550. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) details of the incentives provided to farmers of the country to sell their production out;

(b) whether it is a fact that the incentives being provided at present have failed to bring the procurement of foodgrains to the desired level; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to further boost the procurement of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a): In the case of wheat, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the current 1992-93 rabi marketing season was increased by Rs. 25|- per qtl. from Rs. 225|- to Rs 250|- per qtl. The Central Government also paid an incentive bonus of Rs. 25|- per quintal over and and above the MSP for sale of wheat by farmers to the public procuring agencies during the period 1st April to 30th June, 1992. In addition, the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan paid State Bonus of Rs. 5/- per quintal for this purpose, which was Rs. 25|. per quintal in case of Madhya Pradesh. As regards paddy, the MSP was raised by Rs. 40-| per quintal for the current 1992-93 kharif marketing season as compared to the previous year.

(b) The procurement of foodgrains under price support operations being totally voluntary, no procurement target can really be fixed. A quantity of 63.80 lakh tonnes of wheat and 104.49 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured upto 22.2.1993 in the current 1992-93 rabi and kharif marketing seasons respectively.

(c) The procurement price of wheat has been fixed at Rs. 330|- per quintal (including an incentive bonus of Rs. 25| per quintal rabi marketing seasons. As purchases of foodgrains under the price support operations are voluntary, the Government takes all steps like giving a remunerative price to the farmer, opening a large number of purchase centres, prompt payment etc. to ensure a good procurement.

Building|Houses under the Possession of Food Corporation of India in South Delhi

551. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India hires houses/buildings on time bound lease deeds and monthly rental basis for their use;

(b) if so, what is the total number of buildings|houses still under the possession of Food Corporation of India in South Delhi after the lapse of the lease period despite repeated requests by the owners to vacate these buildings|houses for their personal use on extreme compassionate grounds; and

(c) by when such properties are likely to be vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of buildings|houses hired by the Food Corporation of India in South Delhi for various purposes is given in the Annexure. Only owners of the buildings/houses mentioned at S. Nos. 3 & 4 of the Annexure, have been requesting for vacation of their premises for their personal use.

(c) Since the premises at S. Nos. 3 and 4 of the Annexure are being utilised by the Food Corporation of India for the purpose of accommodating officers of the Corporation during the course of various trainings, it is not possible to vacate them till the Food Corporation of India's own training complex at Gurgaon becomes available. The construction of this complex is in progress.

Statement

Sl. No.	Details of property	Purpose	Date of expiry of lease
1.	B-192, SFS, Sheikh Sarai, Phase-I, New Delhi	For residential purpose of senior officers	30-11-92
2.	F-97, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi	For residential purpose of senior officer	6-1-94
3.	F-40, East of Kailash, New Delhi	For the stay of trainees coming from all over India for training purposes	6-2-80
4.	D-74, East of Kailash, New Delhi	For the stay of trainees coming from all over India for training purposes	31-12-82
5.	5, Community Centre, East of Kailash, New Delhi	Office of Principal, Central Training Institute	5-1-84
6.	Building No. 44, Deenar Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi (Comprising 18 flats)	For the office of Executive Director (Engg), project Implementation Division of F. C. I.	***
7.	Building No. 42, D. D. A. Nehru Place, New Delhi	For office	1-9-91

*** 15-11-85 (3 flats)
31-8-87 (3 flats)
30-9-92 (12 flats)

FCI Godowns in Guntur and Krishna Districts in Andhra Pradesh

552. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the storage capacity of Food Corporation of India godowns owned by them and Warehousing Corporation as well as rented by them privately in the country and particularly in Guntur and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the state-wise details of the capacity utilised in the above referred godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Two statements I and II are enclosed. (*See* below).

(b): A statement III is enclosed.

Statement-I

The Storage Capacity of Food Corporation of India as on 31-12-1992.

	Storage capacity (in lakh tonnes)		
	All India	Andhra Pradesh	
		Guntur District	Krishna District
I *Covered*			
(1) FCI owned	120.84	0.18	0.82
(2) Hired from			
(i) Public Sector (including State Governments)	28.14	0.69	0.84
(ii) Private parties	27.22	NIL	NIL
Total Covered	176.20	0.87	1.66
II *CAP*			
(1a) FCI owned	11.09	NIL	NIL
(1b) Hired	8.26	NIL	NIL
Total CAP	19.35	NIL	NIL
Grand Total Covered & CAP)	195.55	0.87	1.66